is being implemented for prevention and control of forest fires.

(iv) Special measures for protection and conservation of protected areas are being implemented.

(v) Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 has been enacted to regulate diversion of forest land for non forestry activities.

Expansion and Depletion of Forests

†1705. SHRI ONKAR SINGH LAKHAWAT: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise detaifs of position regarding expansion/depletion of forests in the country during the last three years; and

(b) the budgetary-allocation made by Central Government during the last three years for setting up plants or making arrangements for the disposal of "Bio-Organ Waste Material" thrown by the hospitals togetherwith the State-wise amount of assistance provided for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) State-wise details of expansion or depletion of forest in the country as per State of Forest Report, 1995 and State of Forest Report, 1997 published by Forest Survey of India is given in the statement (*See* below)

(b) Budgetary allocation for hospital waste management by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare of Central Government is made for Delhi only in last three years, details of which is as below:

Year	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)
1997-98	40

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

REGARDING EXPANSION AND DEPLETION OF FORESTS

Comparative Forest Cover as per State of Forest Report 1995 and State of Forest Report 1997

In Sq. Km

States/UTs	Forest cover as per State of Forest Report 1995	Forest Cover as per State of Forest Report 1997	Change
Andhra Pradesh	47,112	43,290	-3822
Arunachal Pradesh	68,621	68,602	-19
Assam	24,061	23,824	-237
Bihar	26,561	26,524	-37
Goa	1,247	1,252	5
Gujarat	12,320	12,578	258
Haryana	603	604	1
Himachal Pradesh	12,501	12,521	20
Jammu & Kashmir	20,433	20,440	7
Karnataka	32,382	32,403	21
Kerala	10,336	10,334	-2
Madhya Pradesh	135,164	131,195	-3,969
Maharashtra	43,843	46,143	2,300
Manipur	17,558	17,418	-140
Meghalaya	15,714	15,657	-57
Mizoram	18,576	18,775	199
Nagaland	14,291	14,221	-70
Orissa	47,107	46,941	-166
Punjab	1,342	1,387	45
Rajasthan	13,280	13,353	73
Sikkim	3,127	3,129	2
Tamil Nadu	17,045	17,064	19
Tripura	5,538	5,546	8
Uttar Pradesh	33,986	33,994	8
West Bengal	8,276	8,349	73
A&N Islands	7,615	7,613	-2
Chandigarh	7	7	Nil
D&N Haveli	204	204	Nil
Daman & Diu	3	3	Nil
Delhi	26	26	Nil
TOTAL	638,879	633,397	-5,482